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ALEXANDER ARGUEDAS, et al,		:	<u>ORDER</u>
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JESSE M. FURMAN, United States District Judge:

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In light of the circumstances surrounding COVID-19, the Court is unable to hold the upcoming conference in this case in person. Counsel are directed to confer and, within four business days of this Order, submit a joint letter indicating their views on whether a conference is necessary or if it should be adjourned (and, if so, for how long). Given that it may be difficult to hold a conference (even by telephone or video) for some time, the parties are encouraged to address in their letter any issues that would have been addressed at a conference, including but not limited to discovery, a deadline for motions, trial date, and exclusion of time under the Speedy Trial Act. If appropriate, the parties may submit a proposed order for the Court's consideration.

If any party believes that there is a need for a conference, counsel should indicate their views on whether the Court can, consistent with the Constitution, the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the CARES Act, and any other applicable law, conduct the conference by telephone or video and, if applicable, whether the relevant Defendant consents to appearing in that manner and/or to waiving his/her appearance altogether. If the relevant Defendant is detained, counsel should also identify the facility in which the Defendant is held. And if the relevant Defendant is not detained, counsel should indicate whether the Defendant would be capable of participating in a telephone or videoconference.

After reviewing the parties' joint letter, the Court will issue an order indicating whether the conference is cancelled and addressing any other relevant deadlines and information. If a conference is held, it will be by telephone or video, albeit perhaps at a different time. To that end, if counsel believe that a conference would be appropriate, they should indicate in their joint letter dates and times during the week of the currently scheduled conference that they would be available for a telephone or video conference. In either case, counsel should review and comply with the Court's Emergency Individual Rules and Practices in Light of COVID-19, available at https://nysd.uscourts.gov/hon-jesse-m-furman.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: July 13, 2020

New York, New York

JESSE M. FURMAN United States District Judge